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TO U.S. INITIATIVE ON KOREAN QUESTION AT UN

REF: (A) STATE 218820 (B) STATE 219151

1. FOLLOWING HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS AT BLUE HOUSE,  
MOFA INTERNATIONAL TREATIES BUREAU DIRECTOR HAHN WOO SUK  
SEPTEMBER 17 GAVE POLCOUNS ROKG RESPONSE TO US PROPOSAL  
FOR FURTHER INITIATIVES ON KOREAN QUESTION AT UN (REF A),  
AND US SUGGESTED CHANGES TO FRENCH AMENDMENT (REF B).

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2. REGARDING PROPOSAL FOR NEW ROK/US INITIATIVE (REF A)

ROKG CONCURS BOTH WITH PROPOSAL AND WITH SUGGESTION THAT IT BE INCLUDED IN SECRETARY'S SPEECH BEFORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EITHER SEPTEMBER 22 OR 24. ROKG REQUESTS HOWEVER THAT US SIDE REAFFIRM ITS POSITION IN SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT USG HAS NO INTENTION AT ALL TO TALK ABOUT ANY AGREEMENT WITH NORTH KOREA WITHOUT ROK PARTICIPATION.

3. FRENCH AMENDMENTS AS A WHOLE WITH SUGGESTED US CHANGES (REF B) ARE ACCEPTABLE TO ROKG WITH TWO CONDITIONS, TWO REFERENCES AND ONE FURTHER SUGGESTED CHANGE. ROKG CONCURS WITH USG POSITION THAT ACCEPTANCE OF FRENCH AMENDMENT BE CONDITIONAL ON FRANCE, POSSIBLY TOGETHER WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, JOINING AS ONE OF CO-SPONSORS TO FRIENDLY DRAFT RESOLUTION AND VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE DRAFT RESOLUTION. ROKG ALSO STIPULATES CONDITION THAT FRANCE SHOULD ACCEPT ROK/US AMENDMENTS TO HER AMENDMENTS. WITH REGARD TO TWO SETS OF ALTERNATIVES IN FRENCH AMENDMENTS, ROKG HAS PREFERENCE: (1) FOR THE PHRASE IN FRANCE'S OPERATIVE PARA 2, "THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED" INSTEAD OF EITHER OF THE TWO ALTERNATIVE PHRASES WITHIN THE BRACKETS THAT FOLLOW, AND (2) FOR THE PHRASE WITHIN THE BRACKET IN THE THIRD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED BY FRANCE: "OR AS A FIRST STEP". SINGLE CHANGE SUGGESTED BY ROKG IS FINAL PHRASE OF FRANCE'S NEW OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 AS AMENDED BY US, WHICH ROKG SUGGESTS SHOULD READ: "...WHICH WOULD REDUCE TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULAR AND EVENTUALLY SUPERSEDE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT." EXPLAINING THIS SUGGESTED CHANGE DIRECTOR HAHN SAID ROKG WOULD LIKE TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT ARMISTICE IS STILL A GOOD ARRANGEMENT AND THAT TALKS SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE LIMITED SIMPLY TO REPLACING IT.

4. HAHN SAID FONMIN KIM DONG JO LEAVING SEOUL 1000 A.M. SEPTEMBER 19 AND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TEXT OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH PERTAINING TO KOREAN QUESTION PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. FONMIN NOW PLANNING ARRIVE J.F. KENNEDY AIRPORT VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT FROM SAN FRANCISCO AT 7:53 P.M. SEPTEMBER 20. HAHN SAID FONMIN AND HIS AIDES WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS DETAILS REGARDING FRENCH AMENDMENT AND FINAL WORDING SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN NEW YORK.

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